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DAY LEAD BUILD-UP
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WASHINGTON, FEB. 5 (UPI)—DEFENSE SECRETARY ROBERT S. MCNAMARA HAS ANGRILY DENOUNCED STATEMENTS BY LAWMAKERS QUESTIONING DEFENSE DEPARTMENT FIGURES ON SOVIET FORCES IN CUBA, IT WAS REPORTED TODAY. ALTHOUGH NOT REFERRING TO ANYONE BY NAME, MCNAMARA WAS SAID TO HAVE TOLD THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE SUCH STATEMENTS WERE "IRRESPONSIBLE" AND "DISGRACEFUL."

REP. SAMUEL S. STRATTON, D-N.Y., CHARGED TODAY THAT SEN. KENNETH B. KEATING, R-N.Y., "HAS BEEN GUILTY OF DISGRACEFUL IRRESPONSIBILITY IN HIS FRANTIC EFFORTS TO GET HEADLINES BY PRETENDING HE KNOWS MORE ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN CUBA TODAY THAN DO THE PROPERLY DESIGNATED INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE."

STRATTON SAID THAT ON THE BASIS OF TOP-LEVEL BRIEF NOS BY MCNAMARA AND LT. GEN. JOSEPH CARROLL, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE CHIEF, "I CAN SAY WITHOUT QUALIFICATION THAT THE SENATOR IS TALKING THROUGH HIS HAT." KEATING AND SEN. STROM THURMOND, D-S.C., HAVE BEEN WAGING A HOT VERBAL BATTLE WITH THE PENTAGON OVER THE CUBAN MILITARY SITUATION. BOTH HAVE CHARGED THAT THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAS UNDERESTIMATED THE RED BUILDUP IN ITS PUBLIC DISCLOSURES.

AS MCNAMARA CRACKED BACK AT HIS CRITICS DURING A CLOSED SESSION WITH THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE YESTERDAY, REP. DONALD C. BRUCE, R-IND., CHARGED IN A HOUSE SPEECH THAT THE RUSSIANS ACTUALLY SENT 82 TO 88 OFFENSIVE MISSIONES TO CUBA, RATHER THAN THE 42 REMOVED AT U.S. INSISTENCE.

THIS MEANS THERE ARE 40 OR MORE SUCH ROCKETS STILL HIDDEN ON THE ISLAND, BRUCE SAID.

BRUCE SAID THE INFORMATION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT BY DIPLOMATS OF FRIENDLY NATIONS STATIONED IN CUBA, BUT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAD NOT BEEN TOLD OF IT.

THE PENTAGON ISSUED A DENIAL, TERMING BRUCE'S STATEMENTS "INCORRECT." "NO FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT HAS SO INFORMED THE UNITED STATES," THE PENTAGON SAID. "THERE REMAINS NO CREDIBLE EVIDENCE THAT THERE ARE OFFENSIVE SOVIET WEAPONS IN CUBA."

STRATTON SAID THAT KEATING, "AND OTHERS LIKE HIM," SHOULD "PUT UP OR SHUT UP ON CUBA."

"UNDER ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES NO ONE WOULD BEGRUDGE THE SENATOR HIS LITTLE FUN AND ANOTHER CHANCE AT PUBLICITY," STRATTON SAID. "BUT WHEN A HIGH PUBLIC OFFICIAL UNDERTAKES TO UNDERMINE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN OUR DEFENSE OFFICIALS AT A TIME OF SERIOUS MILITARY THREAT THEN HE IS DOING A GRAVE DISSERVICE TO HIS NATION'S SECURITY."

STRATTON SAID THAT IF KEATING "HAS DIFFERENT SOURCES OF INTELLIGENCE FROM THOSE AVAILABLE TO OUR TOP DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITIES, BOTH AS A SENATOR AND AS A RESERVE OFFICER, HE SHOULD LONG SINCE HAVE MADE THOSE SOURCES KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE."

"THE ONLY POSSIBLE RESULT OF SENATOR KEATING'S CONTINUED EFFORTS TO PRETEND HE KNOWS MORE ABOUT CUBA THAN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CAN BE TO FORCE THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE PUBLIC DETAILS OF THE OPERATIONS OF OUR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE MACHINERY WHICH CAN ONLY BE DISCLOSED AT THE RISK OF GRAVE DAMAGE TO OUR SECURITY AND GIVING AID AND COMFORT TO THE COMMUNIST ENEMY," STRATTON SAID.

KEATING SAID TODAY THAT SENATE GOP LEADERS, WHO ARE CONSIDERING A REVIEW OF THE ILL-FATED BAY OF PIGS INVASION, SHOULD NOT LET THE SOVIET BUILDUP IN CUBA BECOME A PARTISAN OR POLITICAL MATTER.

"I DO NOT THINK THE PRESENT MILITARY BUILDUP IN CUBA IS ANYTHING THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY A POLITICAL COMMITTEE," HE TOLD A REPORTER. "IT IS UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE STENNIS COMMITTEE AND IT IN NO WAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A PARTISAN OR POLITICAL MATTER."

"THE URGENT AND PRESSING MATTER IS THE SOVIET BUILDUP IN CUBA, NOT THE HISTORIC BAY OF PIGS INVASION."

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BY HARRY KELLY

WASHINGTON, FEB. 5 (AP)—SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT S. MCNAMARA SAYS "THERE ARE UNDOUBTEDLY MISSILES IN CUBA" BUT NOT OF THE TYPE THAT WOULD MENACE THE UNITED STATES.

"BASED ON THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ME," HE SAID, "I BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE NO SURFACE MISSILES IN CUBA THREATENING THIS COUNTRY TODAY."

THUS MCNAMARA PUT HIS VIEW ON THE RECORD IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH THE ASSOCIATED PRESS AS A CONFIDENTIAL HUE AND CRY ROSE OVER SOVIET MILITARY STRENGTH ON THE ISLAND 90 MILES FROM THE AMERICAN COAST.

ONE ISSUE OF THE CONTROVERSY IS JUST HOW MANY SOVIET TROOPS ARE IN CUBA. PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAS ESTIMATED 17,000. SOME LEGISLATORS HAVE EXPRESSED BELIEF THERE ARE MANY MORE.

MCNAMARA, HOWEVER, WOULD NOT BE DRAWN INTO THAT QUESTION. HE SAID HE "WOULD RATHER NOT COMMENT" ON THE PRESENCE OF RUSSIAN TROOPS OR REPORTS THEY SEEM TO BE DIGGING IN TO STAY.

BUT HE DECLARED THAT ONE REASON FOR THE MAZE OF PERSISTENT REPORTS ON BALLISTICS MISSILES IN CUBA MAY BE CONFUSION OVER THE VARIOUS KINDS OF MISSILES THAT ARE THERE.

"THE REPORTS PERHAPS CONFUSE GROUND-TO-GROUND, INTERMEDIATE-RANGE BALLISTICS MISSILES (A TYPE THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS OFFENSIVE) ON THE ONE HAND WITH THE OTHER TYPES OF MISSILES WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY ARE STOCKED IN CUBA."

OF THIS LATTER CATEGORY, MCNAMARA TICKED OFF FIVE KINDS:

- "1. AIR DEFENSE MISSILES.
- "2. AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES USED BY FIGHTERS TO ATTACK OTHER FIGHTERS.
- "3. SURFACE-TO-SEA MISSILES USED FOR COASTAL DEFENSE PURPOSES.
- "4. MISSILES FOR COASTAL DEFENSE PURPOSES FIRED FROM PATROL-TYPE BOATS.
- "5. GROUND-TO-GROUND MISSILES FOR SHORT RANGE USE AGAINST TROOPS IN THE FIELD."

SAID MCNAMARA: "IT IS ENTIRELY PROBABLE THAT MISSILES OF THESE CLASSES EXIST IN CUBA, AND IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT THE REPORTS . . . ARE BASED ON THAT PROBABILITY."

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THE MISSILE ISSUE WAS BROUGHT UP AGAIN YESTERDAY BY REP. DONALD C. BRUCE, R-IND.

HE TOLD THE HOUSE HE HAS INFORMATION FROM FRIENDLY DIPLOMATS INDICATING THAT 40 OR MORE SOVIET INTERMEDIATE-RANGE MISSILES--CAPABLE OF STRIKING AMERICAN CITIES--ARE STILL IN CUBA. THESE, HE SAID, ARE IN ADDITION TO THE 42 THE SOVIET SAID IT PUT IN CUBA AND REMOVED AFTER THE THREATENING DAYS OF THE CRISIS.

THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SWIFTLY DISPUTED BRUCE'S CONTENTION, DECLARING:

"NO FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT HAS SO INFORMED THE UNITED STATES. THERE REMAINS NO CREDIBLE EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT HIS STATEMENT."

AND THE PENTAGON ADDED THAT IF BRUCE DID HAVE SUCH EVIDENCE, IT WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT.

IN REPLY, BRUCE SUGGESTED "THEY TALK TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THEY BETTER GET THEIR HEADS TOGETHER."

STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCES SAID THERE HAD BEEN WORD RECENTLY FROM FRIENDLY DIPLOMATS ABOUT CUBAN MISSILES, BUT THAT THE INFORMATION DEALT ONLY WITH SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES, COASTAL DEFENSE AND SHORT-RANGE GROUND-TO-GROUND ROCKETS.

A WEEK AGO, SEN. KENNETH B. KEATING, R-N. Y., ADDED MORE TINDER TO THE CUBAN CONTROVERSY WHEN HE TOLD THE SENATE A SOVIET SHIP HAD UNLOADED ARMS IN CUBA AND IMPLIED IT HAD SLIPPED IN UNDETECTED.

AUTHORITIES SAID TODAY THEY DON'T BELIEVE ANY VESSELS HAVE SLIPPED INTO CUBAN PORTS WITHOUT BEING SPOTTED SINCE THE U. S. NAVAL BLOCKADE.

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NAVY-CUBA

BY FRED S. HOFFMAN

WASHINGTON, FEB. 5 (AP)--AUTHORITIES SAID TODAY EVERY SHIP ROUTE INTO CUBA IS WATCHED BY PATROL PLANES AND THE NAVY FEELS SURE NO VESSELS HAVE SLIPPED INTO CUBAN PORTS UNDETECTED SINCE THE BLOCKADE. SEN. KENNETH B. KEATING, R-N. Y., IMPLIED LAST WEEK THAT TWO SOVIET VESSELS WHICH ARRIVED IN CUBA RECENTLY MAY HAVE ELUDED SURVEILLANCE. ONE OF THEM UNLOADED ARMS, HE SAID.

KEATING SAID THESE SHIPS FOLLOWED A "MAXIMUM SECURITY ROUTE" WHICH HE SAID PASSED THROUGH AREAS "WHERE THE UNITED STATES IS LEAST ABLE TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE SURVEILLANCE."

USUALLY RELIABLE NAVY SOURCES, PREFERRING TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS, SAID KEATING PROBABLY IS REFERRING TO A SHIP ROUTE ENTERING THE CARIBBEAN BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND PUERTO RICO. THIS IS OFF THE BEATEN TRACK, SO FAR AS NORMAL OCEAN TRAFFIC INTO CUBA IS CONCERNED.

THESE SOURCES DID NOT DISPUTE THAT SHIPS STEAMING THIS ROUTE MIGHT SOMETIMES PASS BEYOND THE AREA COVERED BY U. S. PATROL PLANES.

BUT THEY SAID SUCH VESSELS WOULD BE SIGHTED--NO MATTER HOW ROUND-ABOUT THEIR ROUTE INTO THE CARIBBEAN--WHEN APPROACHING THE FEW CUBAN DEEP WATER PORTS.

NAVY PATROLS FLY OVER-THE-WATER SURVEILLANCE MISSIONS FROM JACKSONVILLE, FLA., KEY WEST, FLA., THE GUANTANAMO NAVAL BASE ON THE EASTERN END OF CUBA, AND FROM PUERTO RICO. THIS, THE NAVY SAYS, GIVES COMPLETE COVERAGE OF THE WATERS AROUND CUBA.

NAVY PATROLS FLY DAY AND NIGHT, WITH PLANES CARRYING NIGHT VISION INFRARED CAMERAS THAT CAN SPOT SHIPS TRYING TO SNEAK BY UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS.

ALSO ON WATCH IS A SIZABLE FORCE OF NAVY SHIPS, PLUS UNITS OF THE COAST GUARD.

THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAD REFUSED ON SECURITY GROUNDS TO SAY HOW MANY VESSELS HAVE ANCHORED IN CUBAN PORTS SINCE THE BLOCKADE WAS LIFTED LAST NOV. 20, OR TO IDENTIFY NATIONALITIES OF SUCH SHIPS.

BUT LAST THURSDAY THE PENTAGON BROKE THIS RULE TO SAY THAT TWO LARGE SOVIET SHIPS ARRIVED IN CUBA SOME DAYS EARLIER AND THAT "THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT EITHER CARRIED OFFENSIVE WEAPONS." THIS STATEMENT CAME AFTER KEATING MADE A SENATE SPEECH CLAIMING A CONTINUED AND GROWING SOVIET ARMS BUILDUP IN CUBA.

THE NAVY DOES NOT CLAIM IT CAN TELL WHETHER INCOMING VESSELS CARRY ARMS--BUT OFFICERS SAY THEY WOULD KNOW A MISSILE-CARRIER WHEN THEY SAW ONE.

MISSILES OF THE KIND THAT THREATENED THE UNITED STATES FROM CUBA LAST FALL MUST BE CARRIED EITHER IN SHIPS WITH LARGE HATCHES OR ON DECK, THESE OFFICERS SAY.

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